SUPERIOR COURT OF ARIZONA IN MARICOPA COUNTY FAMILY COURT PRIVATE MEDIATOR ROSTER REQUIREMENTS (EFFECTIVE 4/15/2016)

- 1. The candidate must be able to demonstrate a minimum two (2) years of experience as a family mediator, Family Court Judicial Officer, or Family Court *Judge Pro Tempore*, with a minimum of 20 family cases mediated or trials held within the last 5 years.
- 2. The candidate must present a training certificate and training agenda or syllabus from:
 - (1) an approved basic 40-hour family mediation training course, which occurred within 5 years of the application period.

OR

(2) an approved 40-hour basic mediation training, an approved 20-hour advanced family mediation training, and meet the requirements of A.R.S. § 25-406 (C), which requires six initial hours of training on domestic violence; six initial hours of child abuse training; and four subsequent hours of training every two years on domestic violence and child abuse.

[Training programs accredited by the Association for Conflict Resolution (ACR); Association of Family and Conciliation Courts (AFCC); Arizona Association for Conflict Resolution (AACR); and the Section of Dispute Resolution of the American Bar Association (ABA) generally meet court approval for this roster requirement.]

- 3. The candidate must submit proof of liability insurance to the Superior Court ADR office and annually provide proof of continuing coverage on or before the policy renewal date, but no later than December 15th of each year.
- 4. The candidate must possess at least a graduate level degree in a social science or related field, such as social work, mental health, behavioral sciences, law, or marriage and family counseling (i.e. M.A., M.S., Ph.D., J.D.).
- 5. The candidate must agree to adhere to the *Model Standards of Practice for Family and Divorce Mediation*, as supported by *The Symposium on Standards of Practice*, Family Court Review, Vol. 39 No. 1, January 2001, p. 121-134.
- 6. The candidate must be willing to adhere to all ethical standards set by the Court.
- 7. The candidate must be willing to participate in grievance and feedback procedures adopted by the Court.

- 8. The candidate must renew the application every 4 years (from the date of approval of application) & if not renewed, candidate's name will be removed from the roster.
- 9. The candidate may be removed from the roster if the candidate has an active family court case. The candidate can submit an application to be on the roster once the family court case is no longer active.

FOR CONTINUING ROSTER PARTICIPATION

- 1. Each calendar year, the candidate must complete a minimum of five credit hours of continuing education in alternative dispute resolution (ADR) topics, including at least one hour annually on family violence issues. The candidate must present proof of credit completion to the Superior Court ADR office prior to December 15th of each year.
- 2. The candidate must maintain separate liability insurance on a continuous basis. The candidate must submit proof of liability insurance to the Superior Court ADR office upon application to the roster and annually provide proof of continuing coverage on or before the policy renewal date, but no later than December 15th of each year.
- 3. The candidate must be willing to participate in grievance and feedback procedures adopted by the Court.

Final acceptance and verification of the qualifications of an individual mediator rest with the Superior Court ADR Program Coordinator in conjunction with the Family Court Administrator and Family Court Presiding Judge.